HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT.

LEONARD SHEETZ, JR. IS "NOT GUILTY"

Acquitted by a Jury In Circuit Court of Setting Fire to R. C. Lee's Store.

LETT MAKES POWERFUL SPEECH

Newport News Attorney Waxed Eloquent-Instructions Given by the

Court Probably Convinced the Jury That Sheetz Was Innocent on the One Charge Another Charge.

"Not Guilty,"
At 5:20 o'clock yesterday, afternoon Leonard Sheetz, Jr., who had been on trial in the Oircuit Court since Wednesday on the charge of setting fire to R. C. Lee's store at the Cross Roads, heard the above encouraging words from a jury of his peers.

The words that meant his acquittai on a serious accusation were listened to by the today man with delight and a smile of satisfaction pass-ed over his face. His counsel, Messrs. R. M. Lett and Fay S. Collier also recieved the decision of the jury with evident pleasure. The jury had been in the room deliberating about thirty minutes and, the delay of the jury in returning to the court-room caused the prisoner, his counsel and his friends uneasiness, although the general opinion throughout the courtroom was that the jury could not convict the young prisoner owing to instructions given by the court.

Robbery Charge to Be Tried. Shortly after hearing the words that gave him freedom from the charge of arson the young man was taken back to the county jall to await trialsons the onarge of robbing the store which was burned. were two indictments found against him by the grand jury-housebreak

ing and houseburning and houseburning that meant much to the prisoner was gotten by the defense shortly before the noon hour. It read that the "court instructs the jury that unless it believes that the prisoner set fire to the building or was cognizant of the fact, he must be acquitted." There evidence before the jury showing that Sheetz really started the fire, or was there evidence which even associated him with the burn-

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concerning the robbery of the store. Sheetz, in his confession, said that he idea was to rob the store. That he saw the other two men set fire to the inside of the building, but al ways maintained that he had no con nection with the blaze. He also emphatically denied his Baltimore con fession on the witness stand yester

Defense Closes the Case.

The argument in the case consum ed but two hours. Commonwealth's Attorney Burdette A. Lewis opened the argument for the prosecution, presenting his sile with force, but by agreement he waived the closing and the defense therefore had the last talk with the twelve men who were to determine the case.

Mr. Lett made the only speech for

the defense, Mr. Collier having agreed not to speak if the commonwealth's attorney would not "close the argu In a strong, convincing and pewerful argument Mr. Lett defended the young prisoner, declaring that was no evidence to show that he had the slightest connection with the fire, although the testimony might tend to show that he entered into an agreement to rob the store.

Attorney Waxes Eloquent,

The Newport News attorney waxed eloquent as he proceeded to show the jurymen that the instructions of the court said that they must acquit the accused unless they absolutely be lieved he started the fire that almost entirely wiped out the business sec ion of the Cross Roads community The jury listened to every word said by the attorney and his splendid ad lress made the instructions of the court exceedingly plain.

When Mr. Lett took his seat Com nonwealth's Attorney Lewis announce ed that he had agreed with Mr. Co. ier to do away with further argument and the case was turned over Thirty minutes later the jury. the verdict had been given.

Mr. Lett was warmly congratulated the members of the bar on his address.

"Would you agree to a verdict of six months in the county jall," said Mr. Lett to Commonwealth's Attorney Lewis, when the question of the other indictment against Young Sheetz was being discussed.

Mr. Lewis said he would not. He will let a jury pass upon the housebreaking charge at a later trial.

Hay Riders Under Arrest,

Silas Mathews, George Mathews, Charles Miles, Roland Thomas and George Wynne, all colored, who enjoyed a hay ride in the county Monday night, will be before Magistrate Albert Dean this evening to answer warrants charging them with disorderly conduct and shooting in the public highways. The men are accused of having fired revolvers near the Cross Roads.

Party Goes to Chuckatuck.

Town Sergeant and Mrs. Walter Owens, Master Vinton Owens, Miss Louisa Owens, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bentley formed a jolly party that went on a launch party to Chucka tuck last evening. The party were the guests of a big dinner party.

Expected Home From Lexington. Mr. John B. Kimberly, who has been in Lexington attending the commencement exercises of the Virginia

OVERCOME BY HEAT.

Mr. Bushong Taken to Hospital, but Rapidly Recovered.

Mr. H. B. Bushong, a caulker employed by the Peninsula Pure Water Company, was overcome by heat yesterday afternoon, while at work the construction line above the Cross Roads. He was taken to the Dixle hosital, but soon recovered and last night it was said that he will be all right in a day or so.

Youthful Pair to Wed.

A marriage license was granted in the Circuit Court clerk's office yesterday to Mr. Walter Tinsdale Wiley and Miss Reba Baskin McMellen of Elizabeth City county. Miss McMellen is 18 years old and Mr Wiley is 21. The wedding will be solemnized in the bride's home to-

Paid \$3,000 to Mrs. Thomason. Mr. H. H. Kimberly, the treasurer of Wythe Council, Royal Arcanum, yesterday paid to Mrs. Elizabeth Thomason, the sum of \$3,000, which was the amount of a policy carried in the order by Colonel S. E. Thon

Two Phoebus Men in Jail. Daniel Kelly, 76, years old, and George W. Fields, 44 years old, both white men, were sent to jail by May or Furness yesterday for ten days for being drunk.

SAINT OF THE COOKS.

Queen of the Culinary Art Who Lived in Genon.

Santa Zita, as the patron saint of the cooks is named, lived, it appears, a Genon and was there canonized. She could, so runs the legend, cook better than any chef within 300 miles of the town, which, we all know, is noted for its wonderful soups and dumplings. though of course in the latter indi-gestible article of food outrivaled by Vienna, since it is one of the chief articles in the religion of gastronomy that it is only in the kaiserstadt that the "glose" is in perfection. Santa Zita was, it seems, not less famous for her piety than for cooking and was a constant attendant at the cathedra

during high mass.
One day, however, she fell into a trance, so called-though, in plain Eng-lish, a good, sound sleep-and quite forgot that she had to produce an ex-ceptionally fine dinner for a large com-pany. On awakening she hurrled forth from the sacred editice in a way which was far indeed from her wont, but on reaching the kitchen what was her surprise and delight to fluid a party of cherub celestials busy cooking the required dinner. She did not interfere, but was a first and sales. but was at first not unwilling to accept the praise which was lavished on he culinary success. She soon repeated however, and told the world the truth about the spiritual and miraculous help she had received, and it was agreed or all sides that she deserved to be canon ized. Accordingly she became Santa Zita,—London Queen.

Philosophers and Traffic. Many a philosopher in the course of

his star gazing has fallen into a ditch-and worse. The fate of Professor Curie, the discoverer of radium, who intent upon its possibilities, fell under the wheel of a wagon and was crushed to death, might be paralleled by severa instances of the kind from lives of phil instances of the kind from lives of philosophers, notably that of Archimedes of Syracuse, who was so concentrated on a mathematical problem when its Roman besiegers at last burst into that city that he fell under their swords in spite of his impatient, "Noll turbare circulos meos!" Stepniak, too, the Russian refugee, was so engrossed with the study of nihilist questions, in the course of a walk in a London subugb that he was run over and killed by a train at a lèvel crossing. — London train at a level crossing. - London

Winning a Verdict.

lish lawyer, held that verdicts could be won without eloquence, and he proved it many a time in his own career. His skill in turning a failure into a success was wonderful. In a breach of promise case the defendant, Scarlett's client, was alleged to have been cajoled into an engagement by the plaintiff's mother. She was a witness in behalf of her daughter and completely baffled Scarlett, who cross examined her. But in his argument he exhibited his tact by this happy stroke of advocacy: "You saw, gentlemen of the jury, that I was but a child in her hands. What must my client have been?"

Era of the Olympiads.

The "era of the Olympiads," or the "Olympian era," began July 1, B. C. "Olympian era," began July 1, B. C. 770. An Olympiad was a period of four years, the games being celebrated every fourth year. When it was first proposed to use the Olympian era the carliest record that could be found was that of the victory of Choroebus, who won the great foot race long before horse racing and chariot racing were introduced. His victory was taken as introduced. His victory was taken as the starting point of the Olympiads.

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